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Health resorts (Courtallam and Valparai)

* 1955 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have finalized the proposals for developing Courtallam in Tirunelveli district and Valparai in Coimbatore district as health resorts; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A Tourist Bungalow has been constructed at Courtallam at a cost of about Rs. 1.84 lakhs. The Old Courtallam falls has been improved and an approach road to it formed, at a total cost of about Rs. 1.17 lakhs, in order to relieve congestion at the main falls. A scheme for the construction of a Rest House at Courtallam for the benefit of Low Income Group tourists at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakhs has been included in the Third Five-Year Plan and the work has been proposed for execution during 1961–63. It is also proposed to draw up a master plan for the development of Courtallam.

As regards Valparai, a scheme for its development as a health resort at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakhs has been included under the Tourist Development Plan of the Third Five-Year Plan and the work is proposed to be executed during 1963–65. Details of the scheme have not yet been worked out.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that no concession is given by the railways for journeys to these health resorts—Courtallam and Valparai? If so, may I know whether there is any proposal to recommend to the Railway Board to give such concessions for railway travel to these places?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I am afraid this question does not arise out of the main question.

Mobile Library Service

* 1956 *Q.*—Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

இயங்கும் (Mobile) வாசகசாலை ஏற்படுத்த உத்தேசமுண்டா? விவரமென்ன?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : This is a matter which has to be decided by the Local Library Authority of the area concerned. The Local Library Authorities of Madras City and Coimbatore have already instituted a Mobile Library Service in their areas.

Sri V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : ஒவ்வொரு ஜில்லாவிலுப போதுமான வாசகசாலை இல்லாத காரணத்தினாலே, இருந்தாலும் அது இருக்கக்கூடிய இடம் தெரியாத காரணத்தினாலே இது